

Charles Pendleton Tutt to Andrew Jackson, June 12, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

COLONEL CHARLES P. TUTT TO JACKSON.

Locust Hill, near Leesburg, Va., June 12, 1824.

. . . . You have, before this will reach you seen, I have no doubt, the proclamation of the Governor of New York, convening the Legislature on the second of August. this measure I do not think will materially affect Mr. Crawfords prospects in that state, for I am well assured that in no possible event could he now, or indeed could he ever, have, obtained the vote of New York, I expressed to you that opinion more than three months ago, and I am now confirmed that I was then correct; to whom the vote of New York will ultimately be given I am unable to say, as much will depend upon the course of Mr. Clinton and his friends. when I last wrote to you I felt confident that you would receive the support of Mr. Clinton and his party, and such may still, and probably will be their course, but I cannot help expressing to you my apprehension, that Mr. Clinton and his party will wait for the purpose of ascertaining, whether Mr. Adams or yourself be the strongest in New York, and that he will then throw his whole weight and influence with the strongest party, calculating in that way to resuscitate his own popularity, and to obtain once more an ascendancy in that state. I sincerely wish that Mr. Clinton may not have acquired in the New York political school a talent for intrigue, injurious to himself, and disgraceful to the state when tolerated. The above remarks are mere speculations, but knowing as I do, that Mr. Clinton and his party will turn the scale in that great state either in your favor or Mr. Adams's, I cannot help feeling a deep interest, and some share of apprehension in the issue. Mr. Clinton is a great

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man, and if he would keep an *upright, straight forward course* , he must in time become the first man in our country.

Mr. Van Buren and Governor Dickerson visited Richmond after the adjournment of congress for the purpose it is said of ascertaining, whether in the event of Mr. Crawfords withdrawal from ill health, (which seems quite probable) Virginia could be induced to vote for Mr. Adams. was there ever any thing to equal this in impudence; it seems that Mr. Van Buren not content with the exercise of his talents for intrigue in his own state, must try his powers with [the] *ancient Dominion* , a place I can assure him where his intrigues will receive no nourishment, but must form abortions, or if born, will wither and die.

I am apprehensive that I shall fatigue you by the length of this letter, I will therefore close it, by expressing a hope that you have safely arrived at home, and found Mrs. Jackson well, to whom I beg leave to tender my best respects, and with assurance for yourself of the Sincere Esteem and very Great regard of Yr. Obt. Servt.